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SUBJECT: DC-8 SALE

1. BEGIN FYI: DEPT BELIEVES DECISION ON DC-8 SALE MUST CONTINUE TO BE HELD IN ABEYANCE FOR TWO REASONS. FIRST, HAVING REQUESTED VIEWS OF OAU, AND HAVING BEEN INFORMED THAT MATTER HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO OAU PRESIDENT GOWON, WE SHOULD GIVE GOWON AND OAU REASONABLE TIME TO RESPOND. SECONDLY, ONGOING INVESTIGATION HERE BY REGULATORY AGENCIES RELATED TO SALE OF FIRST DC-8 TO AFFRETAIR HAS GENERATED NEW INFORMATION WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEARING ON LEGALITY OF SECOND DC-8 SALE. IN VIEW HISTORY OF THE PROBLEM, WE CLEARLY HAVE RESPONSIBILITY TO PURSUE INVESTIGATORY OPPORTUNITIES RELATED TO LEGALITY OF SALE UNDER US LAW. END FYI.

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2. HAVING ARRANGED FOR MEETING BETWEEN YOURSELF AND OAU SECRETARY GENERAL EKANGAKI, AS WELL AS FOR EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ON SUBJECT OF DC-8 SALE, BONGO PROBABLY FEELS HE HAS RIGHT TO RAPID FAVORABLE DECISION. UNLESS YOU FEEL IT WOULD MAKE MATTERS WORSE, SUGGEST YOU TELL BONGO THAT IN RESPONSE TO OUR NOTE TO OAU IN ADDIS, WE WERE INFORMED MATTER HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED TO GENERAL GOWON FOR ACTION. IN CONTEXT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OAU, THEREFORE, WE FEEL IT WOULD BE CORRECT DIPLOMACY TO AWAIT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN OAU.

3. BEGIN FYI: DEPT DOES NOT FEEL IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR USG TO MAKE DIRECT CONTACT WITH GOWON AT THIS TIME IN EFFORT TO EXPEDITE OAU RESPONSE. END FYI. RUSH

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